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SUBJECT: PAROLE FOR INDOCHINESE REFUGEES AFTER OCTOBER 31

REF: A. STATE 259553

B. VIENTIANE 6158

C. STATE 236685

1. VIETNAMESE, CAMBODIAN, AND THAI DAM REFUGEES REGISTERED  
WITH UDORN CONSULATE TOTAL 144 PERSONS BREAK DOWN, AS REQUESTED  
IN REF A, AS FOLLOWS:

GROUP 1	7 PEOPLE
GROUP 2	0 "
GROUP 3	34 "
GROUP 4	0 "
GROUP 5	13 "
GROUP 6	55 "
GROUP 7	34 "
GROUP 8	1 PERSON
TOTAL	144 PEOPLE

2. WE FIND THAT AT LEAST HALF OF THE NEW VIETNAMESE COMING  
TO US FROM LAOS HAVE NOT CHECKED WITH EMBASSY VIENTIANE FIRST.  
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THEREFORE VIENTIANE'S ESTIMATE OF 300 NEW VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

FROM LAOS OVER NEXT SIX MONTHS SHOULD BE DOUBLED.

3. APPARENTLY VIENTIANE'S ESTIMATE DID NOT INCLUDE THAI DAM, WHO ARE CLASSED AS VIETNAMESE FOR PURPOSES OF THE REFUGEE PROGRAM. ABOUT 100 THAI DAM PEOPLE A MONTH ARE COMING OUT OF LAOS AND ENTERING THE THAI DAM CAMP AT NONGKHAI. BECAUSE OF THE CLOSELY INTER-RELATED NATURE OF THE THAI DAM COMMUNITY, MOST OF THESE WOULD QUALIFY UNDER GROUP SEVEN OF REFTEL A.

4. THIS LEADS US TO ANOTHER MAJOR QUESTION CONCERNING THE 2300 THAI DAM REFUGEES ALREADY IN THAILAND AT THE CAMP IN NONGKHAI PROVINCE. THE INITIAL GO-ROUND WITH INS IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER QUALIFIED 664 CATEGORY ONE, TWO, AND THREE REFUGEES, ALL OF WHOM HAVE TRAVELED TO THE U.S. MANY OF THESE FAMILIES, RECOGNIZING THE DIFFICULTIES OF FINDING A SPONSOR IF THEY HAD A LARGE "EXTENDED" FAMILY, DECIDED NOT TO TAKE ALONG AUNTS, UNCLES, COUSINS, IN-LAWS, ETC. NOW, MANY, IF NOT MOST, OF THE 2300 REMAINING THAI DAM FALL IN GROUP SEVEN OF REFTEL A, I.E., HAVING SOMEWHAT DISTANT RELATIVES IN THE U.S. WHO ARE IN THE REFUGEE SYSTEM. EXACT FIGURES ARE NOT AVAILABLE SINCE THIS QUESTION HAS NOT BEEN RAISED AT THE CAMP BY THE REFUGEES, AND WE HAVE NOT BROUGHT IT UP, FEARING TO OPEN A PANDORA'S BOX.

5. WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT A NUMBER OF THAI DAM (AND ALSO SOME VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIANS OUT OF LAOS) WOULD ALREADY HAVE GONE TO THE U.S. IF THE JULY 1 RULE HAD NOT BEEN APPLIED TO THESE REFUGEES FROM LAOS DURING EARLIER INS PROCESSING. THE CHANGE IN INTERPRETATION LIFTING THE JULY 1 CUT-OFF DATE FOR THOSE OUT OF LAOS CAME AFTER THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO BE CLEARED BY INS HAD ALREADY PASSED.

6. FYI. IF THE 144 REFUGEES LISTED IN PARA ONE ABOVE, WERE BROKEN DOWN AS IN REF C, THEY WOULD LOOK LIKE THIS:

CATEGORY I 95 PEOPLE

CATEGORY II 13 PEOPLE

CATEGORY III

GROUP 1 (MORE DISTANT RELATIVES) - 9 PEOPLE

GROUP 2 (WORKED WITH U.S. MISSIONS) - 27 PEOPLE

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